

KING FOR ALL #40

Luke's Gospel



Title: Faith

Passage: Luke 17:1-19

A. SERMON POINTS

1. Faith takes spiritual care for others (v1-2)
2. Faith is forgiving (v3-4)
3. Faith is like a mustard seed (v5-6)
4. Faith is serving humbly and dutifully (v7-10)
5. Faith is grateful (v11-19)

B. DISCUSSION STARTER

What are the benefits of going for regular medical checkups? How can we do this spiritually speaking for our Christian walk?

C. FROM THE BIBLE

1. V1-2. Can we expect sinless perfection in this world? How were the Pharisees causing others to stumble and sin?
2. V3-4. Jesus seems to be talking about sins and offenses in the Christian community. Does Jesus place a limit on our forgiveness?
3. V5-6. The point is that it is not the *amount* of faith that counts, but the *presence* of faith.

4. V7-10. What is the attitude of the servant/ slave?
5. V11-19. What marks the Samaritan apart from the other nine lepers?
Why is this surprising?

D. IMPLICATIONS FOR ME

1. V1-2. How might we live in such a manner that we keep others from following Jesus or cause the followers of Jesus to stumble? Do we consider the good of others when we make decisions?
2. V3-4. Unforgiveness severely hampers family and church fellowship. Forgiveness does not minimize or condone the sin or offense against us. Forgiveness means that we leave the judgement up to God as we release that person from the debt they owe us.
(cf. Romans 12:16-21) Do you harbour a grudge against someone, perhaps someone in our church? What should you do? Why are we called to forgive? Why is forgiveness difficult?

Note on Forgiveness:

For reconciliation to take place, there must be *repentance* by the offending party. Without repentance there may never be reconciliation. However, even when there is no repentance, Christians are called to *forgive* just as God forgave us. Forgiveness also does not mean we should not take wise, appropriate steps. E.g., A wife may forgive her abusive husband but still separates and files for divorce.

3. V5-6. Why is it so encouraging that it's not about the amount of faith we have, but the object of our faith that counts?
4. V7-10. You may have been a Christian and serving for many years. Are you at times tempted to think that God is in your debt and He should be extremely thankful for your awesome ministry? How could we engage in Christian ministry for selfish reason? How should we think about Christian life and ministry?
5. V11-19. Do you tend to be like the Nine, taking God's grace for granted, or like the One who was super grateful for Jesus?

E. PRAYER SUGGESTION



For yourself

Thank God for his grace and kindness to you in Christ.

Thank God that He has forgiven all your offenses and sins against His “divine majesty”.

Thank God for Jesus who was the worthy servant for us unworthy servants in order for us to be considered worthy.

Thank God for the immense privilege of serving in Christian ministry.

Ask God to help you forgive those who have sinned against you.



For our Church

Please pray for our Sidesmen. We thank God for their faithful service as they in practical ways enable us to worship together as church family.



For our Gospel partner

Please pray for our partner church Trinity Church in Mitchell’s Plain. May the Lord guide the leadership in reaching out to a community that face many challenges. May the Lord bring hope in and through Trinity Church.



For the World

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Pray for the Akkin in Russia

Akkin have a strong self-identity, despite typically being misrepresented in official census statistics as Chechen. They speak a distinct dialect of the Chechen language and live among village/town clusters at the western edge of Dagestan surrounding the major city of Khasavyurt. There are a handful of Christ followers among the Akkin. Let’s pray that they may be encouraged and be bold in reaching out to their own people.